Price Control on Drugs

684. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Propoxyphenazone, Avapyrazone, Chymotrypsin, Bromlicxine Hcl, Triprolidine Hcl, Dexomethorphan Hydrobromide, Carbinoxamine Maleate and Phenyl propanolamine Hcl have been exempted from price control under DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that none of these drugs are produced in the country;

(c) if so, names of the companies permitted to produce these drugs along with capacity sanctioned in each case;

(d) whether his Ministry is monitoring the production of any of these drugs;

(e) if so, names of those drugs along with the production of each during the last three years, yearwise;

(f) whether it is a fact that these drugs are allowed for import under OGL;

(g) if so, names of those drugs;

(h) whether any representations have been received for inclusion of these drugs under price control; and

(i) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Production of these bulk drugs is not monitored.

(f) and (g) The details of bulk drugs allowed for import under Open General Licence are given in the Import & Export Policy for the year April, 1988 to March, 1991 announced by the Govt. and placed on the table of the House on 30.3.88.

(h) and (i) Details of representations received from Industry, Organisations/Associations and Members of Parliament regarding inclusion in/exclusion from the price controlled Categories of drugs are given in the statements I, II and III, in reply to Rajya Sabha's Unstarred Question No. 51 for 25.4.1988.

Refund of Overcharged Amounts

685. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in Indian Express on 9th February, 1988 captioned "Several drug firms refund overcharges".

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies which have refunded the amount upto 31st March, 1988.

(c) whether it is a fact that apart from refunding the amount the Supreme Court directed to implement the prices fixed by the Government.

(d) whether it is also a fact that none of the companies implemented the prices and are still overcharging the consumer;

(e) what was the price fixed for each drug/formulation and what is the present price along with the name of manufacturer;

(f) what is the overcharged amount worked out from each company upto 24th August, 1987 along with the detailed basis on which due amount has been worked out; and

(g) what is the balance amount still to be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b), (f) and (g) the details are given in the attached statement. (*See* below)

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) To the extent information is available the Govt. notified prices have been implemented.

(e) The details of price fixed for each drug/formulations and the present price along with the name of manufacturer are very voluminous. The time and efforts required for collection of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Statement

Details of the amount assessed tentatively by the special team as recoverable from the companies for the period ending 31-12-1983 *and the amounts recovered till date are given below.*

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Amount assessed Rs.	Amount recovered Rs.
1.	M/s. Hoechst I Ltd.	5,64,12,423	3 crores
2.	M/s. Cyanamid I Ltd.	4,92,00.247	50 lakhs
3.	M/s. John Wyeth I Ltd.	1,66,87 232	25 lakhs
4.	M/s. Geofferey Manners Ltd.	29,85,260	
5.	M/s. Pfizer Ltd.	*99,07.731	10 lakhs
6.	M/s. Ethnor Ltd.	10,18,543	7,99,134
7.	M/s. Franco Indian Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd.	..	42.936

*The amount was subsequently revised by the special team as Rs. 48,21,148.

Consideration of drugs by Kelkar Committee

686. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee considered 166 drugs and WHO List for identification of drugs for category II;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of drugs which were covered under price control under DPCO, 1979 were not considered at all by the Committee;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no basis of selection of 166 drugs have been given in the report;

(d) whether it is a fact that this list was not drawn by the experts and was provided to the members for identification;

(e) whether it is also a fact that experts objected to this selection of list;

(f) if so, what are the details thereof;

(g) whether it is a fact that a number of representations have been made for consideration of all drugs allowed for human consumption in the country; and

(h) if so, what are the details of representations and the action taken thereon?